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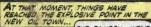
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THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG ABOUT THIS! BUT I JUST CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT!

AND-AS THE EMBATTLED OILMEN CLOSE THEIR WELLS AND RIDE OUT TO DEFEND THEIR SUPPLIES ...



BUT I'LL FOOL
'EM! INSTEAD O'
ATTACKIN' THUH
SUPPLY TRAIN,
I'LL GO RIGHT TUH
THUH OIL FIELDS:
I'LL SET FIRE TUH
'EM! WON'T BE
ANYBODY 'ROUND
TUH STOP ME
EITHER! THEM



C/MON! WE NEED SHORE HOPE ONE OTHER GUU SHORE HOPE OURANGO THE WAY-HAW! WAITS FURME THOUGHT THEYO OUT THU JOIN THEM OLMEN!































































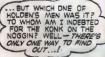
























































I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY MY GUNSLINGERS HAVEN'T SHOWN UP YELL COULD IT BE THAT—OH, OH-HERE COMES THE DURANGO KIO RIGHT FOR THIS HOTEL! I WONDER IF.































































THUNDER!

AND WE'RE
HANDICAPPED
WITH THESE
SLOW
OXCARTS! WE'VE SOT TO WTERCEPT THAT TRAITOR BEFORE HE REACHES THE PATROL! GUICK, TIPI - MELT DOWN A COUPLE OF CANDLES IN THAT CAMPFIRE!



RIGHT,



















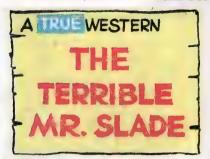












HE OLD WEST was a rugged land, and the men who seeded it with a sunwardcrawling civilization were tough and ruthless hombres, who were not much good at taking orders. They were hard to handle. If you had to manage a group of these tough men, the most sensible way to do it was to get a tougher man who would be feared. Which explains why the badge of authority - sheriff's star, constable's insignia, or even the marshal's badge - sometimes went on a man who had been on the other side of the law fence.

The men who ran the Overland stage in the early 1860's were not exactly the type who fitted into a drawing room. The driver, the conductor, the extra guard, the stationkeeper, and the hostler, were, by the very nature of their work, tough hombres. And that meant, quite logically, that the superintendent of a division, in addition to possessing other requisite qualities, had to be a

double-tough hombre himself.

Over each two-hundred-and-fifty miles of road, the Stage Company placed an agent, or superintendent, and gave him great authority. His beat or jurisdiction was called a "division." He purchased horses, mules, harness, and food for men and beasts. He erected station buildings and dug wells. He attended to the paying of the station-keepers, hostlers, drivers, and blacksmiths. And he discharged them whenever he so chose. Most important of all, he had to keep them in line. That meant they had to respect him. Or, it might be better to say, they had to fear him.

One of the toughest of all division men was Joseph A. Slade. He was born in Carlisle, Illinois and served in the American army during the Mexican War in 1848. When he was twenty-six he killed a man during a dispute. Just one step ahead of the sheriff, he fled the country. At St. Joseph, Missouri, he joined a California bound wagon train and obtained a job as a wagon driver. A little quarrel with another driver shows how crafty

Slade could be.

vanish. One day Slade seized a team of stagehorses which he accused Jules of having driven off and hidden for his own use. The territory wasn't big enough to hold Jules and Slade. So the war was on. Jules went around with his shotgun and side artillery. Slade stuck to his trusty revolver. Jules waited, hidden behind a door, until Slade stepped

revolvers. The other driver was first to the draw and Slade found himself facing a cocked gun. Did he lose his head and try to go for his gun? Or did he try to make a dash for the other fellow's gun? No. "It's a shame to kill a man over our small quarrel," he said in a calm voice. "If we have to settle matters, let's do it in a man-to-man fashion. We'll throw our pistols on the ground and settle it with our fists." That seemed fair to the other man, who threw his gun to the ground. Slade drew his gun and shot the fellow dead! He lived a rather wild life, always one step

The argument was over a small matter.

Tempers flared and both men went for their

ahead of the sheriff who was looking for him. Then Dame Rumor came to his aid and all kinds of wild stories were circulated about the terrible man called Slade. One story was to the effect that in a battle with Indians, he shot three of them, Or if you prefer a different version, he strangled them to death with his bare hands. The horrible point of the story was that he cut off their ears and sent them with his compliments to

the chief of the tribe.

The reputation that Slade gained came in handy. They needed a really tough hombre to be division agent at Julesburg. Seems that the company's horses were being stolen too frequently. And the coaches were considered fair game by "road agents" who relieved the passengers of their valuables. Jules Reni, a Frenchman, had been division agent. But the outlaws had been holding up the coaches under his very eyes. And it was said that some of the company's stock could be found on Reni's small ranch. So when the job was offered to Slade, and he accepted it, the natural result was a deadly hatred between the two men.

Slade made up his mind that the "road agents" would keep hands off the Overland coaches. With his six-shooter he enforced "law" and decreased the outlaw population of the area. The result was that the coaches went through. But stock still continued to

into a store. There are two versions of what happened. Take your choice. According to one version, they shot at each other. Both were carried to their respective lodgings. Jules recovered first and beat it for safer territory. According to the other version, Jules shot Slade in the back. Emptied the shotgun and then his

revolver. Looking at the "corpse," he said: "Take care of the body, boys. Bury him over the hill. A cheap coffin will do." But Slade recovered and vowed vengeance. Some of his

men went out to track Jules down.

Eventually they found Jules, brought him back tied with a rope, and deposited him in the middle of a cattle-yard, where Slade let him repose through the cold night. Then in the morning, he began target practice on his old enemy. When he dispatched him to the happy hunting grounds, tradition has it that Slade cut off his enemy's two ears and kept them in his vest pocket as souvenirs.

Slade reported what he had done to the officers at Fort Laramie. He wasn't detained, and their attitude was that Slade was upholding the law. Emboldened by this, Slade decided, once and for all, to get rid of the men who were steadily taking Overland's horses. With a "gang," he raided the headquarters of the thieves, took back his stock with some interest, and even hung two of the horse-

stealers.

Slade could be a gentleman at times, when he wasn't full of drink. One occasion is memorable. That was the time a young man by the name of Samuel Clemens went West on the stage with his brother. Clemens heard about Slade's many killings and was told they numbered twenty-six. As he sat down at a table in a station, who should be next to him? None other than Slade, who gave him the last bit of coffee in the pot and was friendly and gentle-spoken. Clemens later remarked: "And to this day I can remember nothing remarkable about Slade except that his face was rather broad across the cheek bones, and that the check bones were low and the lips peculiarly thin and straight."

Slade was a matchless marksman with a Navy revolver. The legends say that one morning at Rocky Ridge, when he was feeling comfortable, he saw a man approaching him. It was a man who had offended him some days before. Turning to the people around him, Slade said, "Gentlemen, it is a good twenty-yard shot. I'll clip the third button on his coat." Then he drew his gun and fired. All the bystanders admired the shot. And

they all attended the funeral.

Once Slade was captured by a party of men who intended to lynch him. They disarmed him and shut him up in a strong log house. Outside there was an armed guard. Slade prevailed upon the guard to tell his captors he had one last request. "I want to say farewell to my beloved wife," Who could be so cruel as to deny that plea of a doomed man? When notified, she mounted her horse, and at full speed made for the temporary jail. When she arrived they let her in without searching her. A mistake. She had concealed two revolvers upon her person. There was gun-fire,

naturally, but Slade and his wife escaped unharmed, though they had to ride double on

the poor horse.

There must have been a tender spot in Slade's makeup if his wife continued to love him. We have further proof of this tenderness. On one occasion he killed a man and then discovered that his unfortunate victim was the father of a half-breed boy called Jemmy. So Slade adopted the youngster.

Slade met his tragic doom in Virginia City. He and his wife and the adopted boy lived outside the city limits. Slade began to consume more drink and go wilder each time his brain was affected by alcohol. On many occasions he would ride his horse into stores, break up bars, toss the scales out of doors and use the most insulting language. He and a couple of his cronies took delight in galloping through the streets, shouting and yelling, and firing their guns into the air. Things reached such a state that it became quite common, when Slade was on a spree, for the shopkeepers and citizens to close the stores, and put out all the lights. For this wanton destruction of goods and furniture, Slade was always ready to pay when he was sober-provided he had the cash handy.

He was arrested from time to time and warned by the Vigilantes to mend his way of life. One day Sheriff Fox arrested him and began to read the wafrant to him. Slade grew excited, tore up the writ, and went for his gun. The Sheriff retreated and the Vigilantes were notified. But Slade went into action. He sought out Alexander Davis, the Judge of the Court, and with drawn gun told the Judge he would be held hostage. Then the Vigilantes notified the miners, and six hundred of them, all armed, came to Virginia

When Slade heard what was happening, he wanted to begin a new life. They had no objection, provided the new life began in another world. He pleaded for his life but to no avail. Then he asked to see his beloved wife. But the Vigilantes remembered that once she had saved her husband. And they refused. One of his friends rode and told Mrs. Slade the bad news. She mounted her horse and rode at full speed to try to rescue her husband. But she arrived too late.

Slade didn't die in an heroic manner. He cried and prayed for his life. Repeatedly he exclaimed, "My God! My God! Must I die? Oh, my dear wife!" They put the rope around his neck, slipped the box on which he was standing from under his feet, and that was the end of Slade. His body was cut down and carried to the Virginia Hotel, where it was scarcely laid out when his wife arrived. She had her late husband sent to Salt Lake City where he was buried.

THE BID.







































NO, MULEY! I'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR LAW AND ORDER ALL MY LIFE, AND I'VE GOT TO STAY AND FACE THE MUSIC NOW—BECAUSE I'M GULTY! JUST FORGET ABOUT ME,





























AS STEVE BRAND, IF I SET FOOT INSIDE THE TOWN I'LL GET FILLED WITH LEAD FASTER THAN A RATTLESNAKE CAN STRIKE. STEVE BRAND, OUT-LAW, IS JUST OUT OF THE PICTURE FOR A WHILE!





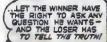


































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